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Project Title: Basso Bridge Ecological Reserve and Merced River Ranch Land Acquisitions.

CALFED Project: #97-C04 (\$830,500)

CALFED Contract: #B81644 DFG Contract: #FGR8953-R4 Project Manager: Clarence J. Mayott

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Task 1. Contact owners of each property and open formal negotiations. **Deliverables to CALFED:**

(1) Letters of intent to enter formal negotiations from appropriate land owners.

The DFG has asked the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for their assistance in the purchase of the properties in question. The WCB has responded to this request, but it needs more information concerning the exact details for this acquisition. There has been no formal negotiations with appropriate land owners at this time.

Task 2. Obtain necessary appraisals for each property to be purchased. **Devilerables to CALFED:**

(1) Copies of appraisals.

No progress.

Task 3. Complete purchase of properties.

Deliverables to CALFED:

- (1) Copies of each of the final titles.
- (2) A conservation easement or comparable document for each of the properties.

No progress.